

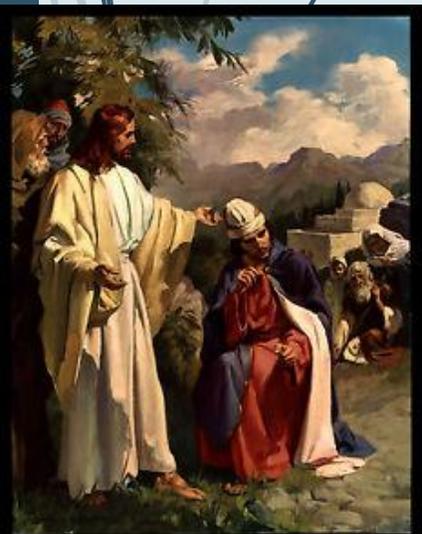


# Jesus is the Healer

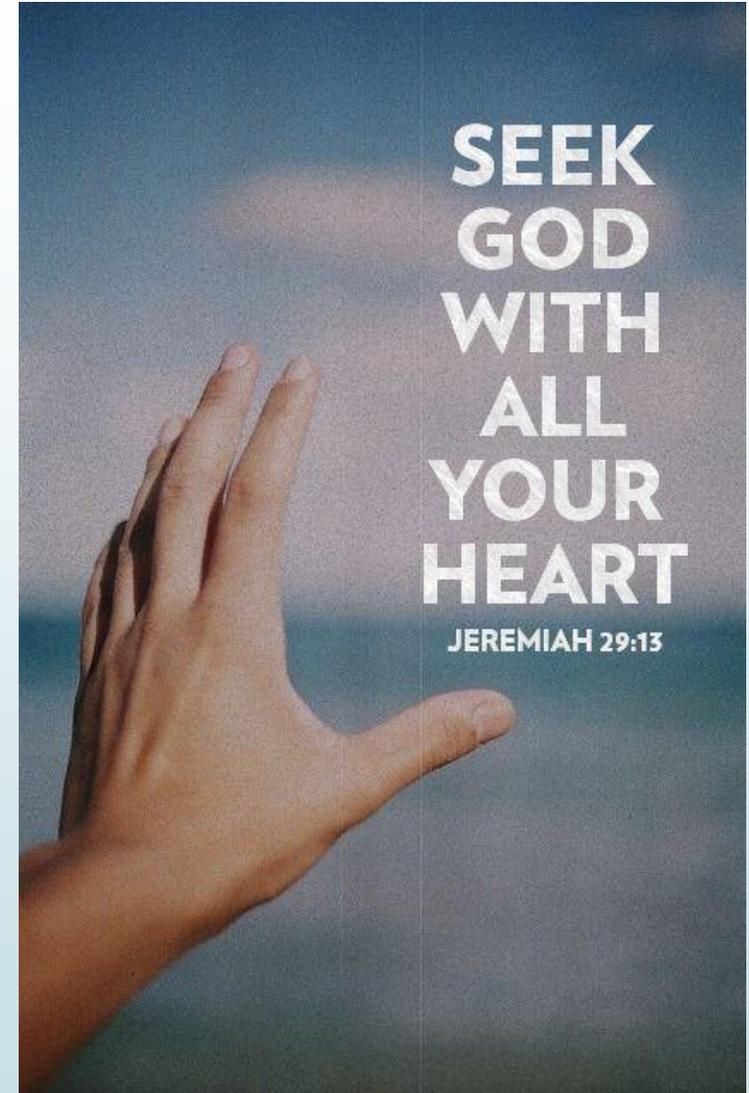
John 4:46-54

# The Rich Ruler Sought After Jesus

- Often it is in times of **crisis** that people seek after the Lord
- The world would tell you that only weak people seek after God. But that is a lie from the devil (ill: bread)
- Although the ruler was **successful** in the eyes of the world, that fact could not save him. Self sufficiency is good, but cannot be the savior that we seek.
- “believe in the heart” (Rom. 10:9) He was **pleading** with Jesus with all his heart (v.47 his son, v.49 my child)
- God never **despises** the brokenhearted (Psa. 34:18; 51:17)



- This ruler had **faith** in Jesus, demonstrated by his **heart** and his desire to **seek** Jesus—a beginning of his walk with God
- Often **inability** is a blessing from God. Sadly many don't see it that way
- Nevertheless, he clearly has a **solution** in mind—to bring Jesus to his son to heal him
- He **pleaded** with Jesus, not just once, but twice (v.47, 49)
- We like to tell God what He should do, and we are good at it, since we are very good as being our own gods...

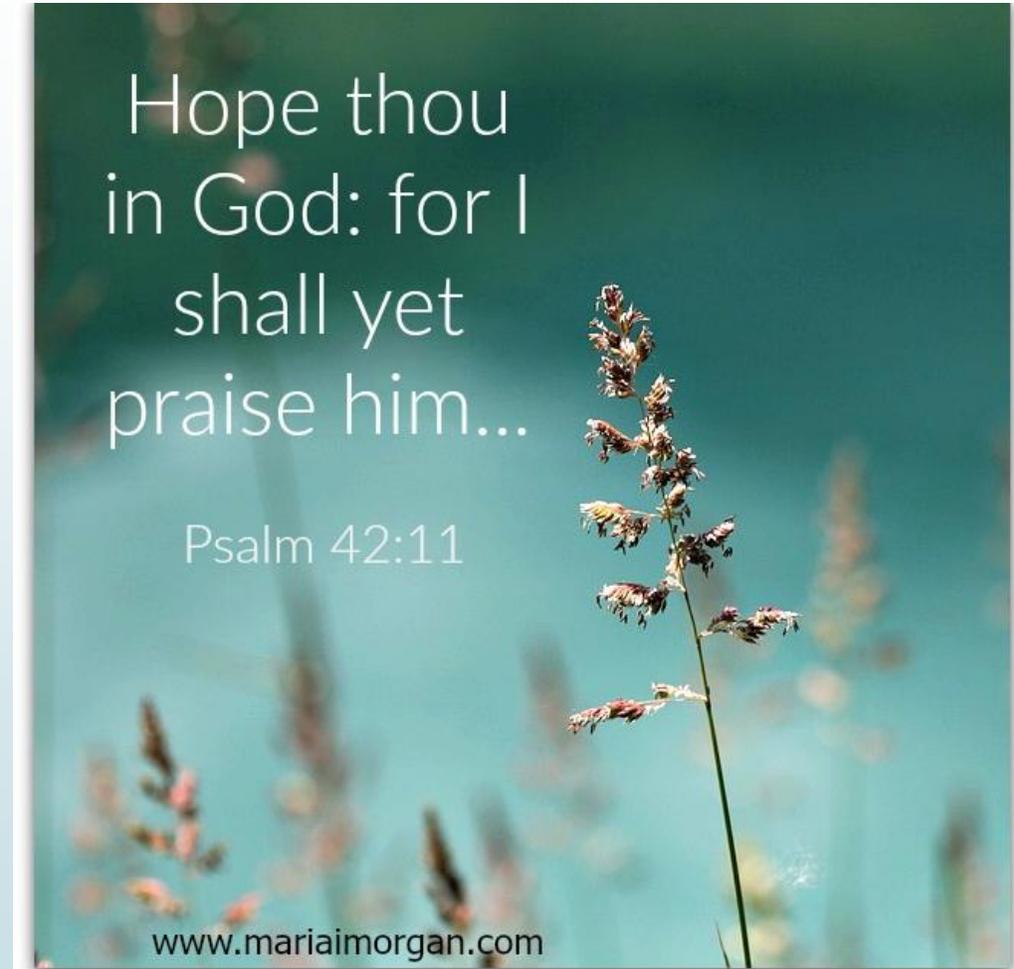


# Jesus Has a Better Plan



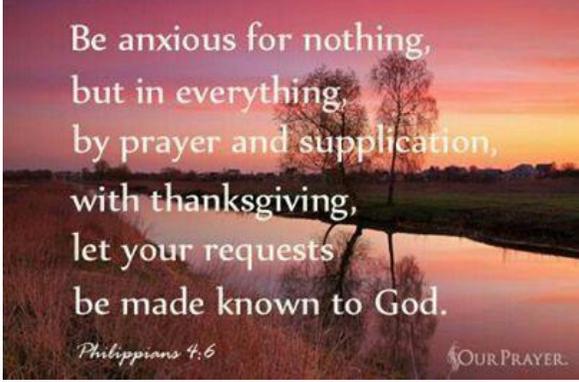
- Jesus charged that they won't believe unless they **see**
- Jesus could easily do what the ruler has **requested**, and "show" him that Jesus has the power to heal, but He didn't...why? (as he has done in other cases)
- Is it possible that God has a **better solution** (plan) in mind?
- It is much easier to **believe in a solution** than a **person** (Psalm 20:7)
- There is nothing wrong in asking God for a solution, and even telling God what we **prefer**. But it is another thing to believe in the solution, and not the person—God (Psa. 36)

- The life changing moment is when he decided to **trust** in Jesus and walked back home
- His **faith** led him to **seek** after Jesus. But it was his faith in God that let him walked home with **hope** in his heart. (Heb. 11:1; Psa 42:11)
- That day he experienced Jesus **first hand** and His hope in Jesus grew thereafter. God is **real** to him
- As we trust in Jesus and **follow** His commands, our faith grow and this faith will turns into **hope** (Rom. 5:3-4)



# Conclusion

1. Jesus can **heal**, but that's not all He does
2. Do you **trust** in Jesus and **seek** after Him? (Psalm 20:7)
3. Let your **request** be made known to God (Phil. 4:6-7)
4. God often has a **better plan** than yours (Isa. 55:9; Rom. 11:33-36) This choice require humility and fear of God
5. **Trust** in who God is (His character) and not just in a **solution** (Palm 36)—Hope in God (Psalm 42)
6. **Watch** (wait) and be ready to be amazed by God's power (Psalm 27:13-14)
7. Your **experiences** (sufferings) will become a blessings to others (2 Cor. 1:6)



Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything,  
by prayer and supplication,  
with thanksgiving,  
let your requests  
be made known to God.

*Philippians 4:6*

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